

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, James Shekleton will be retiring on January 21, 2016, after 32 years of capable and dedicated service to the people of South Dakota and the state's public university system, first at Northern State University and later at the South Dakota Board of Regents' central office in Pierre; and,

Whereas, Jim's early career at Northern State University included the titles Assistant Professor of Business Law and Philosophy, Associate Professor of Business Law and Philosophy, Secretary/Treasurer of the Northern State University Foundation, University Counsel, and Vice President for Institutional Relations; and,

Whereas, Jim further distinguished himself in his work for the South Dakota Board of Regents as Interim Executive Director from July to September 1994 and as the Board's General Counsel for more than 26 years, during which time he worked with 5 executive directors, 14 Board presidents, and countless Regents; and,

Whereas, Jim is always fond of quoting his favorite philosophers, so a well-prepared Governor's proclamation must include a quote from Plato, who said, "There are three classes of men: lovers of wisdom, lovers of honor, and lovers of gain," and Jim's distinguished service and scholarship clearly place him among Plato's "lovers of wisdom"; and,

Whereas, Jim's upcoming retirement on January 21, 2016, affords him new opportunities and more time to be spent with wife, Delors, son, Brian, and Jim's extended family; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as his family, friends, and colleagues gather on December 2, 2015, to congratulate him on his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State